



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 9, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL

- 9** STEAM Arcade Night: Build. Create. Play - For His Glory 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 10** Third Grade Field Trip: Space Center
- 15** 1st/2nd Grade Music Program Practice during Chapel
- 15** 4th Grade Tea and Sports Day: Grace, Grit, and Growing in Goodness
- 16** 1st/2nd Grade Music Program; Kindergarten Field trip: Oil Ranch
- 17** Senior Bike to Breakfast Wave/PSIA Pizza Party for all participants
- 22** 4th Grade Girls Talk with Lower School Nurses (during the school day)
- 24** Men's Breakfast at 6:45am in LS/MS Library
- 24** 4th Grade Musical Field Trip, Kinder/Senior Buddies, Senior Cap and Gown Walk
- 27** ERB testing begins (more details to follow), FBCA Annual Golf Tournament
- 28** FBCA Night of Worship
- 29** Kinder/Senior Buddies Chapel

LOOKING AHEAD: MAY

- 1** Late Arrival at 9:00 am, Senior Car Parade, ERB Make-up Day
- 1** Last day for Library reading challenges and for students to checkout library books
- 4** Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week Begins!
- 7** 3rd Grade Global Symposium (parents invited, details coming soon)
- 11** 2nd Grade Pet Day
- 8** All student library books are due
- 15** Library EOY Awards Party
- 14** 1st Grade Book Character Parade at 8:05 a.m
- 15** 4th Grade Publishing Day (parents invited, details coming soon!)
- 18** 2nd Grade Egyptian Day, Library Millionaire's Club Party
- 19** 4th Grade EOY Party at Andretti's, Last Day for PK/K Extended Care
- 19** PK/K Celebration at 6:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 20** PK/K Field Day, PK/K Early Release at 11:00 a.m., Last Day for 1st-4th Ext. Care

- 20** 1st-4th Grade Class Parties, 4th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Kickball Game at 1:00 p.m.
20 4th Grade Celebration at 6:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium
21 1st - 4th Grade Field Day, 1st - 4th Grade Early Release at 11:30 a.m.
22 Employee Workday (no school for students)

NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON, HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL:

Dear Lower School Families,

I pray you had a wonderful Easter weekend with your family as we celebrated our Risen Savior. The weather lately has been absolutely beautiful! I hope you've had some time to enjoy it as well.

Thank you so much for attending our Grandparents and Special Friends Day last week. It was truly a special time, and we are incredibly proud of our students and all of their hard work on their performances.


We are excited for STEAM Arcade Night: Build, Create, Play for His Glory from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium. We are looking forward to this event tonight, and we hope to see you there!

With gratitude,


Stephanie Clayton

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Ties and Tiaras Event - We had a wonderful evening at our Ties and Tiaras Dance a few weeks ago. Here are some pictures from this special evening for you to enjoy!

Photos:  [LS Father Daughter Dance 2026](#)

Grandparents and Special Friends Day: Last week, we honored grandparents and special friends during our annual program. Our students put on a beautiful program, and then guests had the chance to see classrooms, meet teachers, visit the Book Fair and enjoy refreshments. We believe grandparents and special friends play a pivotal role in the life of a child, and we are thankful for each person who joined us. Thank you for being an important part of the FBCA community!

Photos:  [LS Grandparents and Special Friends Day 2026](#)

Lower School – Field Day: Coach V, Coach G, and our parent volunteers are working so hard to make this day special. If you'd like to volunteer for Field Day, there was a flyer that went home today with important details. Please complete the [Google Form](#) if you're interested in volunteering. Feel free to contact Mary Graham marydeason2@gmail.com about volunteering for PK/K Field Day and Kimberly Camp kimberly.hays@yahoo.com for 1st–4th Grade. Thank you for your help in advance and ensuring Field Day is a success for our kids. We couldn't do this without you!

1st–4th Grade EOY Class Parties → Classroom Celebration: They will be in the classroom on Wednesday, May 20th at 12:00 p.m. End-of-year parties will be held as a dedicated classroom community event, just for the students and their teachers during the school day. The goal is to give students a unique opportunity to celebrate together and enjoy some final moments strengthening their bonds as classmates before the year concludes. FBCA will provide pizza for all students on this day.

Spring Book Fair – 📖 Shop the Fair online!

Families can also enjoy the Book Fair fun from home during March 31 – April 13. Explore an even wider selection of books for every age and interest—and every online purchase still benefits our school!

👉 **Shop the online fair here:** <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fortbendchristianacademyes>

Library Volunteers Needed – We are so grateful for all of our volunteers! If you're interested in serving in the library this semester, we would love to have you! Please use the sign-up [here](#).

Pre-arranged absences – If you will be out of town for travel and your child will be missing instruction longer than 3 school days, please stop by the front desk to pick up a pre-arranged absence form. We ask that you provide this in at least 3 school days notice in order for the teachers to have time to gather the necessary materials. Thank you so much for your help with this.

PSIA Update – Congratulations to all of our students who will be competing in the State PSIA Meet on May 2, 2026, at Texas State University! Please join me in celebrating the following students and keep them in your prayers as they prepare for and travel to the competition:

- 2nd grade – Ella Louise Stegemiller– Creative Writing
- 3rd grade – James Stegemiller – Music Memory
- 4th grade – Georgia Poroo – Listening Skills and Oral Interpretation,
- 4th grade – Josiah Ma – Listening Skills
- 4th grade – Darasimi Asonibare – Music Memory
- 4th grade – Christian Sam – Spelling

Save the Date: April 17 – Pizza party during lunch for all participants (flyer/email was sent home this week)



COUNSELOR CORNER


Citizenship is featured this 6 weeks.

Citizenship is to do your share to make your home, school and community better. Cooperate and stay informed. Be a good neighbor. Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others. Protect the environment.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you" Luke 6:31


ERB Testing for grades 1-4 will be April 27th-30th. Your child is strongly encouraged to be present and on time to school each day for the ERB testing. Monday-Thursday the testing will be in the morning only.

Ways to show Citizenship

 ***Do your share to make your school, your community, and the world a better place. .***

 ***Take responsibility for what goes on around you.***

 ***Participate in community service.***

 **Help take care of the environment.**

 **Be a good neighbor.**

 **Treat other people with respect and dignity.**

 **Follow the rules of your family, your school, and your society.**

REMINDERS

Calendars

[2025-2026 Instructional Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 Traditions Calendar](#)

[2026-2027 Instructional Calendar](#)

School Times

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 pm

If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., please park and walk your child in because they are tardy.

Please make sure you are giving yourself enough time to enter the carpool line. Students are tardy if they are not in their classroom at 8:00 a.m. Thank you so much for your attention to this. We don't want our students to miss valuable instructional time and feel rushed at the start of their day.

Lunch Times

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

1st Grade, 2nd Grade: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Birthday Marquee

If you are interested in having your student's name displayed on the LS/MS entrance marquee in recognition of their birthday, please go to your Blackbaud account and under "Resources", click on "Birthday Marquee". Once you complete the form and submit payment, the Office of Development will make arrangements to display your student's name on the marquee. If you have any questions please contact Charleen Burleson at cburleson@fortbendchristian.org or 281-263-9186.

Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up Procedures

[Carline Maps](#)

Morning Drop-Off

- Please have your child ready to exit the car promptly to help keep traffic moving smoothly.
- Remember not to use Schlumberger's parking lot for u-turns.
- If you have both a Lower School and Middle School student, please drop them off together in the carline instead of making two separate stops.
- After 8:00 a.m., please park and walk your child into the front office to check in.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Please avoid making left turns out of the parking lot while the carline is in progress.
- Follow the directions of staff when entering the parking lot, as the queue lanes may shift.

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